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City of Berwyn Police Department Begins
30 Day Warning Period for Red Light Cameras.

Berwyn, IL.—Beginning November 9, 2007, red light cameras located at 26th Street and East Avenue and Cermak and Ridgeland Avenue will begin taking photos of red light violators as part of Berwyn's program to promote intersection safety in the City. During the 30 day warning period, red light runners will be mailed a warning notice.

The primary objective of the program is to reduce the number of injuries and deaths resulting from motorists running red lights and failing to come to a complete stop when turning right on red. The Police Department is hoping that the camera sends a clear message to our motorists to pay attention and obey the traffic signal. Other cities using the cameras report reductions in intersection collisions and that means safer roads.

Once the warning period is complete on December 9, 2007, the first violation received by the registered owner of the vehicle will be \$100, at which time the violator has the option of paying or contesting the violation. If within 14 days they have not exercised either option, a second notice will be sent. If payment is not received after the second notice, a third notice will be sent reflecting an increased fine of \$200. The fine is a civil penalty, meaning it is regarded as a parking violation and will not impact the owner's driving record or insurance premiums.

The automated traffic safety systems will capture still photographs and video of red light violations. A notice, including the 3 still images, will be issued to the vehicles owner. Violators may view a 12-second video clip through a web site provided by the vendor, RedSpeed-Illinois at www.redlightviolations.com. Options to contest the violation are provided on the Violation Notice.

More information and a list of frequently asked questions are available on the City of Berwyn's website www.berwyn-il.gov.

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